



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility
Board of Director's Meeting
888 Washington Boulevard
10th Floor – Mayor's Conference Room
Stamford, CT 06901
Friday, October 23, 2015
11 A.M.
~SPECIAL MEETING~

1. Call to Order
2. Update from Mayor's Office
3. Personnel Matter – Interim Executive Director
4. Discussions and Vote on Interim Executive Director
5. Executive Section – Labor Update
6. Adjourn



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Board Members Present: Sharon Bradley, Ellen Bromley, Moira Colangelo, Robert Erichsen, Mary Fedeli, Anne Fountain, Michael Handler, Ted Jankowski, Shelley Michelson, Dorothy Mueller, Lewis (Chuck) Pace, Christopher Tasik, Dr. Henry Yoon

Member(s) Absent: Gerald Bosak

Other Attendees: Michael Bryson, Mayor David Martin, Robert Mislow, Robert Robitaille, June Stefanek, David Yanik

Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. by Christopher Tasik.

Mayor David Martin's Report

Mayor Martin stated the process has begun for the closure of Smith House. The City is planning to file a Letter of Intent with the Department of Social Services in mid-November. The Department of Social Services makes the decision to close or not. The Mayor stated this was a difficult decision to make and every option was explored before making this decision.

Smith House has continued to lose money for many years. The Mayor presented the projected loss of \$5.9M for the last fiscal period (ending June 2015) to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives. Even though Smith House is a four star facility it is not financially stable. One of the positive things is the tenure of the staff and the relationships formed with the residents that have been beneficial to both staff and residents. At present there are 100 residents in the facility and the staff will stay on as long as there are residents in the facility.

Mayor Martin met with the patients, family members and 1199 Union immediately after the press conference last Tuesday and two more meetings were scheduled for week. There were mixed emotions shown by the patients, family members and staff. The Department of Social Services attended the meetings and will be there to help with the process. The Human Resource and Benefits Departments are assisting the staff and Rapid Response will come to assist staff with training for jobs and information regarding unemployment at the appropriate time.

Michael Handler reported every single option was explored before the final decision was made to close. He received two phone calls from potential operators and offered to meet with one of them and to discuss options. Mayor Martin does not want someone to operate Smith House who does have the best for the residents and staff in mind.

Mayor Martin stated Robert Mislw, Executive Director had turned in his resignation effective November 13, 2015 and that an interim Executive Director would be needed. An interim consultant/advisor has been engaged who has experience in this area to help.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Tasik requested a vote be taken to make the Smith House Board a Personnel Committee so they could vote an interim Executive Director. It was a unanimous vote.
(Mayor Martin excused himself)

The board voted unanimously to accept John Panicek as interim Executive Director. He comes with an extensive background in handling such matters. A brief synopsis was given of the procedures leading to closure.

The board voted to break at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

The agenda items will be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

Minutes submitted by,

Robert Mislw
Executive Director